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ORIGIN AND AIM: The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa was founded in 1869 by Cardinal Lavigerie, to rescue, moralize and regenerate the pagan and Mohammedan woman, and through her attain the family and society. Exclusively vowed to the Apostolate in Africa, the Sisters devote their lives to the natives in every work of mercy and charity . . . Catechetical, Medical, Educational.

GOVERNMENT AND APPROBATION:

The Congregation is governed by a Superior General who depends directly on the Holy See. The Constitutions were definitely approved by decree the 14th of December 1909 and promulgated on the 3rd of January 1910.

SPIRIT: The Spirit of the Congregation is one of obedience, humility, simplicity, and zeal; and the life of the Sisters one of poverty, mortification and labor.

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The Congregation numbers over 1,500 Professed Sisters who are devoting their lives to the Natives in 120 Missions, that spread out through—

North Africa: Algeria, Tunisia, Atlas Mountains, Sahara.

West Africa: The Gold Coast, French West Africa.

East Africa: Kenya, Nyassaland, Tanganyika, Uganda, Rhodesia, Belgian Congo, Rwanda, Urundi.

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Three Masses are said monthly for the living and deceased benefactors of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa. Moreover, they share in the prayers and apostolic labors of over fifteen hundred White Sisters, who are working in the African Missions; and in the prayers and acts of self denial that the Natives, so willingly, offer up daily for their benefactors.

TO AVOID THE MISSIONS UNNECESSARY EXPENSE,

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North Africa

THE FIRST AND ONLY NEWS to reach us, since the opening of the War Front over there, is a cablegram received toward the middle of December from our Motherhouse announcing:

Algiers, November 22nd, 1942

Five Sisters (Cervantes) killed during air raid.

Signed: Reverend Mother General.

This news had hardly been known here that numerous expressions of deepest sympathy have reached us coming from the dear Friends of our African Missions. We are sincerely grateful and wish to thank through "The Messenger" each and everyone, and especially the Members of the Clergy who have promised to remember our Sisters at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, praying for the Victims, and also begging Almighty God to prevent further heavy losses of mission personnel.

Alger-Cervantes

This is the name commonly used to designate our Ophthalmic Clinic in Algiers. Here is where five of our Sisters met a tragic death during the November 22nd air raid. It is surmised that due to the nearness of the Clinic to the Port of Algiers, bombs struck the building in the course of action over the Port.

The Natives considered the Algiers-Cervantes Clinic outstanding for its specialized care of the various eye-diseases so common in those regions. Hundreds of cases were cared for daily, together with operations when necessary.

For our Sisters it was also a Training Center. Here, those amongst us, who had completed their medical or nursing courses came to obtain Ophthalmic Science, before setting out for the Missions, — eye-diseases being so common among the Native populations of Africa.

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Here is the Home
of the 1,500
Professed
Missionary Sisters
of Our Lady of
Africa, Algiers.

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The Cloisters, at
the Motherhouse
around the
innercourt
flower garden.



North Africa (Continued)

Where to Find White Sisters

Our 46 Communities of North Africa: in Algeria, including the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara, and in Tunisia are grouped according to geographical and political divisions.

ALGERIA

- Birmandreis:** General Motherhouse, Sanatorium, Orphanage for Native Girls, Dispensary.
- Birmandreis town:** Municipal dispensary, a 1942 foundation.
- Algiers (City)**
4 Houses: Algiers-Marengo, Workroom for Arab Girls and Women, also courses in Domestic Science, Algiers-Verdun, Red Cross General Hospital and Clinic.
 Algiers-Cervantes, Ophthalmic Clinic—**where the five Sisters met with a tragic death during the November 22nd air raid.**
 Algiers-Consul, a Religious, Educational and Social Center for the Native Catholic Converts of the City.
- Ain-el-Arba:** Dispensary and Workroom.
- Attafs:** Oldest hospital, founded by Cardinal Lavigerie himself for the sick Arabs.
 In its shadows grew the **two Catholic Villages of St. Monica and St. Cyprian** founded by Cardinal Lavigerie for His Catholic Orphans of the 1867 famine. Here is found the fourth and fifth generation of Arab Catholics.
- Birkadem:** Dispensary and Workroom.
- El Aifroun:** Dispensary and Workroom.
- Rivet:** Dispensary, also a Summer Vacation Camp for poor Native Children from Algiers.
- Maison-Carree:** School for Christian Children.

ATLAS MOUNTAINS

- Akbou:** Municipal Hospital.
- Beni-Mengaliet:** 1. Hospital.
 2. Workroom and School for Christian Children.
- Beni-Yenni:** Dispensary and Workroom.
- Bou-Nouh:** School for Christian Children.
- Djemaa-Saharidj:** Dispensary and Workroom.
- Ighil-Ali:** Important Baby Welfare Center, School for Christian Children.
- Ouad'hias:** School for Christian Children. (This is the first mission foundation of the White Sisters.)
- Oued-Aissi:** Boarding School for young girls of Native Officials, along with a well developed Domestic Science Department.
- Taquemount-Azouz:** School for Christian Children, Workroom and Dispensary.
- Tizi-Ouzou:** School for Christian Children, Workroom and Dispensary.

SAHARA

- Ain Sefra:** Dispensary, and Workroom.
- Blakra:** 1. Lavigerie Hospital.
 2. Workroom.
- El Golea:** 1. Orphanage and Boarding School for Native Girls, who generally remain with us until they marry.
 2. St. Joseph's Village founded in 1927 for the Native Christian Families who have originated from inter-marriage of boys from the 'White Fathers' Orphanage and girls from our own orphanage. This village is centered around the tomb of Charles de Foucauld, the Hermit of the Desert. Since a year our Sisters are established there conducting a school, dispensary, etc.
- Ghardaia:** Boarding School for Native Girls, Orphanage and Dispensary.
- Geryville:** Dispensary and Workroom.
- Laghouat:** 1. Workroom specializing in Oriental All-Wool Carpet Weaving.
 2. Hospital.
- Ouargla:** Here also is found the nucleus of a Christian Village of Natives, a School, Workroom, Dispensary, and a modern Day Nursery where mothers leave their babies while they are occupied at the workroom or attend Christian Instructions.
- Touggourt:** Hospital

TUNISIA

- Biserte:** Important Dispensary, Workroom, Visiting the Homes, Social Centre for Young Girls.
- Carthage:** A Boarding and Day School for the young Princesses of the Beylic Family.
- Kairouan:** 1. Workroom and Dispensary.
2. A new house opened in the very midst of an exclusive Native Section.
- La Marsa:** Orphanage, Workroom, Domestic Science School.
- Thibar:** A Native Catholic Village, a Model Farming Experimental Project, with school, dispensary, and workroom.
- Tunis:** 1. Workroom.
2. Dispensary under the auspices of the Red Cross.

Arab Girls and Women
bringing their work for
inspection at the
Algiers-Marengo
Workroom.



Peculiarities of the Work Here

The various works mentioned above are for the Natives. Other Religious Congregations look after the European Population of North Africa.

Due to the most wise prudence of Cardinal Lavigerie, missionary efforts in North Africa are not directed at making individual converts, which would be poor policy in the Moslem World, but rather at moving the masses, a slow process indeed, but one that gives more assurance of perseverance for the converts, and of lasting results.

To each mission station is attached a dispensary where the Natives come for medical assistance.

There is generally a Workroom, where Native Women and Girls are taught to use their own Native Art in basket work, lace, embroidery and carpet weaving, means used to the betterment of the moral and home condition. Time is also set aside for moral instruction. In several workrooms Parents have requested that their daughters be taught the elements of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and also Domestic Science. The Workrooms in North Africa are a substitute for Schools.

Mostly all the various missions have an orphanage. But here also acting prudently, no child is baptized except "in periculo mortis," unless they **really** have no one who could lay claim to them later on — as this would be exposing them to ill-treatment or apostasy. In such cases where children are entirely free, they must ask of their own free will and can be baptized only after years of trial and perseverance in their wish of becoming Catholics.

It is from the various mission centers that the Sisters radiate in their apostolic excursions, spreading the good tidings of the Gospel to the Moslem peoples that surround them. In their frequent visits to the near-by villages, they often encounter adults and babies "in periculo mortis," who are just awaiting a "Passport" to wing their way Heavenward. These they gladly deliver.

Now, the missionaries see with great joy the fruits of their long years of labor ripening, in God's own time. It was in 1867 that Cardinal Lavigerie launched his life's work for the conquest of Moslem North Africa — the 1940's see the dawn of a new era for this

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BISKRA, the Roman and Catholic Biscera of old, an oasis in the Sahara Desert, is the capital of the Zibans, or

oases of the Sahara. One can see in the distance the Aures Mountains which have the highest peaks in Algeria. It is here that the Chaouias live. They are half nomad, half sedentary, and extremely haughty and

independent. They build their villages in the most inaccessible of places.

As Bishop Baunard tells us, the village of Biskra rises in the middle of a garden almost three and one-half miles long, planted with some 140,000 palm trees which are watered by two rivers, the El-Kantara and the Abdi. About 6,000 people dwell here in houses built with arcades and oriental terraces.

The richness of the oasis consists in its dates which are harvested from September until January. It is interesting, even amusing, to see everywhere in the streets the natives selling their harvest for exportation. We have dates often here in our Convent and I, at times, wonder if they should be classified as a confection, a fruit, or as a vegetable. This fruit of the palms is certainly all of these things.

The ordinary means of transportation in the desert is still the camel. It can carry a heavy load and seems to be suited for long journeys. Its round nimble feet are well adapted to the desert trails: sober, it needs little nourishment — a few date stones will do — and it can remain without water for several days. However, they have one drawback, they walk slowly as if counting their steps which renders them impractical for anyone that is in a hurry. But Providence seeing this disadvantage, also made a swift camel which can march for hours, even days, at a fast gait.

Those who can leave Biskra, do so in May. They go to Tell, a farming district, about 125 miles from the oasis where the climate is more moderate. Here one finds excellent wheat, vineyards and olives. Their camels loaded with dates, our people go to help with the harvest and thus get their provisions for the winter. They



BISKRA

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return with grain and other merchandise and a little money. Having left us in rags, they come back all dressed up in new clothes and flaunt them as if they were noblemen.

If the traveler takes his family, which frequently happens, the camel carries a "bassour," palanquin, made especially for the women and small children. The women are hidden, being subject to the traditional seclusion for those over 13 years of age and the children are protected from the hot sun. The palanquins are made out of a wooden frame, covered with a large cloth, usually having stripes or other geometrical designs. They give the impression of tents placed solidly on the camel's back.

In the desert, the Arabs travel in caravans. When they stop for a time, they live in a tent made of wool and camels' hair cloth, woven in bands by the women and sewed one onto another until it is large enough to cover the entire family. The stakes hold it up to a suitable height and ropes tied to the pegs, stretch it over the four sides. This tent easily folded, conveniently carried and quickly put-up, is the most logical shelter for the Arab nomads, and to them it is indispensable. The tents of each tribe have a special color, forming little villages when en-



Nomads under

Sister M. St. Gilbert *

camped. There are many interesting things that could be said about the life of the inhabitants of these tents which we frequently visit, but let us return to the oasis of Biskra from where I have strayed far with the caravans going and returning from Tell.

There is no schooling either Arabic or French except for the boys. The girls do not receive any education and are secluded when they are very young. The parents do not concern themselves about any moral law, either for themselves or for their children. They profess Mohammedan religion; their book of doctrines is the Coran; their profession of faith, "There is of God but one God and Mahomet is His Prophet" is the fundamental doctrine of Mohammedanism. This includes for them the intentional denial of the Blessed Trinity and the Divinity of Jesus Christ. As secondary doctrines, the Coran teaches there is a heaven, a place of material pleasure and prostitution, and an eternal hell for all those that are not Mohammedans. They have five precepts, prayer, alms, fast, the pilgrimage to the Mecca and the holy war. In contrast, the "Book" authorizes slavery, divorce and polygamy. There is no public worship other than the prayer which must always be preceded by ablutions.



under the tent.

There are approximately 225,000,000 Mohammedans. Fanaticism and superstition are their chief characteristics. They believe the cat is a sacred animal, possessing seven souls and they never kill them, this would be a criminal act equivalent to the assassination of seven "Faithful Followers." The "Bad eye" which causes sickness and death is another of their many beliefs.

Just a word about the "tram" in Biskra which is pulled on rails by an old horse. When there are many travelers as on some Arabic Feast, two horses are necessary. The tram, usually full, is on these occasions overloaded but they find the means to push still closer together to find room for newcomers. Tourists use the tram for amusement, for in our day this ancient means of locomotion fascinates them no end. The people seated or standing, talk, holler, gesticulate, sing and laugh. The conductor obligingly stops wherever one wants, and as long as one wants. At times it happens that there is an argument or a fight along the way. If the conductor feels so inclined, he stops his horses, gets the details of the discussion or fight and stays to see it through. When all is finished, he calmly climbs back on board, cracks his whip, and the lean, lanky horses resume their pace, gently pulling the carriage behind them. The impatience of his passengers does not concern him.

* Miss Gertrude Gouthro, No. Sydney, C. B., N. S.

OBITUARY

- Reverend T. Lochbihler, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Rev. A. Belmert, W.F., and M. Schmotzer, W.F., died in the army.
- Rev. A. Bibot, W.F.
- Rev. A. Vandaele, W.F.
- Brothers Suso, W.F., and Odilo, W.F., died in the army.
- Sr. Rose of St. Mary, W.S., St. Charles, Algeria.
- Five White Sisters, killed during air raid in Algiers.
- Sr. Ariadne, Holy Cross Srs., Ogden, Utah
- Sr. M. of St. Alberta Wahle, Good Shepherd Srs., Detroit, Mich.
- Sr. M. Stephen Conley, Mercy Sisters, Worcester, Mass.
- Miss M. Deveau, Haverhill, Mass.
- Miss D. Hayes, Howard Beach, N. Y.
- Mrs. J. Delhaye, Chicago, Ill.

All those who died in this War.

R. I. P.

African Mail Bag

AFRICA'S FIRST NATIVE BISHOP WRITES

ON ACCOUNT OF THE WAR one class was closed at the Brothers School for lack of personnel; the White Sisters are overworked because the hope of reinforcement looked forward to, did not realize.

The various Mission Works are especially affected by the war. The Seminary is my only resource to secure Native Priests for our young Vicariate—many of the Seminarists were supported by France, Holland and Belgium, but we are actually cut off from this source of help. I hope that the budget from the Pontifical Associations will reach us. Our school for Catechists had to be turned into a Normal School. We need another Catechists school immediately but we have neither Brothers, nor means for this undertaking.

The Catholics are too numerous, especially in the older stations, more than 15,000 for a post; they themselves offer the land for new foundations and beg for Priests. But how build new mission stations when our means barely sustain those already existing!

+ Joseph Kiwanuka
Vicar Apostolic of Masaka, Uganda.

BACK IN MOMBASA

In the course of 1942 our Convent and School Buildings were needed and taken over by the British Navy. We had to retire to Mangu also in Kenya, 24 hours distance by train. Our Mombasa people were very much put out and requested us to open a Boarding School at Mangu so that our pupils might join us here and keep up their studies.

Arrangements were made and eventually some pupils had arrived when we received news that our good Mombasa people had solved the question and decided upon our return to Mombasa. The Consul of Portugal graciously offered his Residence to make our home—the Church and School being but five minutes away. Everything is fine, except that we shall be glad to re-enter our own Convent, as we are deprived of a Chapel here. The happiness of sheltering our Divine Guest, under our own roof, shall be all the more appreciated.

Seven of our pupils presented themselves for "Senior Cambridge" and were received—they are precious auxiliaries. Our school registers some 375 pupils, and is steadily growing.

Please remember us in your prayers.

Mother M. St. Edwin.
(former Mistress of Postulants at Metuchen).

In the Rwenzori Vicariate, Uganda Protectorate, there is ONE missionary Priest per 4,000 Catholics and 1,750 Catechumens.



AMONG OTHER STORIES . . .

In Africa babies go to Church on the back of their Mothers, and baby puts up a threatening clamor when he is too tired of being restricted. It happened one Sunday when His Excellency Bishop Heffernan (of the Holy Ghost Fathers), was preaching to his flock. The yells and wails were too strong to be covered. His Excellency stopped short and commanded the infant to be removed. When at last the poor mother was made to understand, she lost none of her "sang-froid." Calm and majestic, as an Elizabethan galleon, she rose, the baby squealing the while, walked slowly to the door and disappeared amid the horrified looks of the expectant congregation. The sermon was then resumed. Not a blush, not a sign of embarrassment! Happily it was not Sister M. J.! She would have definitely been changed into a roast lobster on the spot.

You in the United States and we over here, we are "ONE." All of us working for the one great end: "Ad salvandos Afros." May God bless and convert all you do into spiritual wealth for souls. How they need you! How often does it happen, when touring the Hospital, one comes across a poor old pagan, senseless, heedless, of the better world for which he was made. Ask him "What are you on earth for?" The answer will be "To eat, of course." It is heart-rending. Yet, some, after instructions are revolutionised by Grace. I can't forget one old fellow who would look at the Sister's Crucifix with tears in his eyes and wag his shaggy head in reverential surprise, as the wonderful story of the Incarnation and Redemption were revealed to him, as if to say: "What? all this for me, such love for me—and I have known nothing of it up to now." Of course he was Baptised and died shortly after.

Sister M. of Carthage, W.S.
Mombasa.

AN ASPECT OF LENT IN RWANDA:

It was Lent. The faithful had just been told that fasting meant only one substantial meal a day.

"Well then," called out an old granny, "if that be so . . . I am too poor to fast."

These flourishing Missions of Central Africa are in the White Fathers' Territory, whose American House address is:

White Fathers of Africa
Box 307
Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

Christmas Mail Bag

FROM CONNECTICUT:

Dear Sister:

We received your letter and were very pleased to find the little baby doll called after St. Joseph. Everyone agreed that no better name could be chosen since it is also the name of our school. We are now continuing our Mission Activities by taking chances on a little purse and bracelet which we hope will buy another Mission baby. This time we would like to buy a little Mission girl so she will be company for Joseph. The baby doll of St. Joseph is now sitting on the ink well on Sister's desk.

Dear Sister, since I began writing this letter several days ago we have made the enclosed \$5.00 for a little girl companion to Joseph. Will you please name her Mary.

Sincerely yours,

The Pupils of Room 21 in the Eighth Grade.

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FROM ILLINOIS:

Dear Reverend Mother Theodora:

This letter comes from the fourth grade boys and girls of St. Gregory School. We are happy to send you ten dollars for the ransom of two Negro babies, a little boy and a little girl. Would you please name the boy Michael Robert and the little girl Mary Leah?

This morning Sister told us about your letter and did she have a surprise for us! Sister said that you send Negro dolls to those who buy Negro babies. We think that is just grand. We are enclosing twenty-five cents extra to pay the dollies' fare from New Jersey to Illinois.

In October we began to save our money to buy the babies. Both the boys and girls had a bank of their own. Each day we counted the money. For a long time the girls were leading but in the end the boys beat the girls. After Christmas we are going to continue to work for the missions. Perhaps we shall be able to buy two more babies.

Each one of us wishes you a very Merry Christmas. We are going to pray for you and the poor Negro children on Christmas.

Respectfully,

Little Friends of the Negro
Tommy Bushold.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS:

Dear Sisters:

The children of the fifth grade of St. Paul School are sending you five dollars to ransom a baby. We would like to have you name it "Christina Marie." We have picked out this name because it has "Christ" in it. We wanted "Christ" in the name because we are giving the baby to Our Lord for a Christmas present.

We hope that this letter will get to you so that you can ransom the baby and baptize him for Christmas.

Respectfully yours,

Children of Grade Five
Janet O'Brien.



A Happy New Year
A Blessed New Year

FROM PENNSYLVANIA:

Dear Sisters:

We have filled the stocking with pennies. We would like to have filled it with dimes, but we had to keep the Home Missions too.

May the Infant give you all a very happy Christmas.

Fifth Grade Girls, St. Edmond's School.

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SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR MISSION INTENTION —

Masses	130
Holy Communions	114
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	160
Rosaries	234
Ejaculations	2950

Enclosed also is a Christmas offering in the form of Defense Stamps.

Mary Frances Clark Unit
Catholic Students' Mission Crusade
Clarke College Dubuque, Iowa

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FROM MICHIGAN:

Dear Sisters:

The sixth grade of St. Thomas School are sending two boxes of Christmas gifts for your orphans. One box for the boys and one for the girls. They will be mailed. We hope they will enjoy them. We wish you and all your little orphans a very Merry Christmas. We are enclosing a check for \$5.00.

From the Sixth Grade.
Marguerite O'Connor

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FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Dear White Sisters:

The Junior School thanks you for Your letter. We are sending you five more dollars for Christmas. We hope that God will take care of you. I hope you have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your loving child,
Rosemary Greenslade.

FROM WISCONSIN:

Dear Mother Theodora:

We are happy and proud to be fortunate to help the Missions with our small donation. Instead of the usual candy after lunch, we put the pennies into the stocking and have collected \$1.25 to go for the Missions.

We hope that soon we can send more to this worthy cause.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year. We remain,

Your loving friends,

The Sixth Graders, SS. Cyril and Methodius School.

North Africa (Concluded from Page 4)

arid land. Since the outbreak of World War II, the Moslems are turning to our Holy Religion. Especially in the Sahara the movement is most noteworthy. Tribal Chiefs are now pleading for the missionaries to come and establish mission centers in their midst. Despite unsettled world conditions, new Missions were opened to respond to an heretofore undreamt demand from the Mussulmen populations of North Africa.

May it prosper and enlarge, and for this intention we beg always more and more prayers and sacrifices.

"The Harvest is great but the Laborers are few . . ." The American Training Centre for the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, commonly known as "White Sisters," is at Metuchen, New Jersey.

May We Surmise a Present Phase . . .

To this rapid sketch of our various mission works in North Africa, we surmise may be added the nursing of war wounded, soldiers and civilians. We know that from the very beginning of World War II in 1939, the Red Cross had requested our Reverend Mother General to provide a nursing staff for several ambulances in North Africa. When the truce came, our Sisters were freed from duty and permitted to return to their respective missions. It seems most probable that with the turn of the tide, they are back at their Posts.

OUR LADY OF AFRICA, IMMACULATE QUEEN OF PEACE, PRAY FOR US.

The Postulate at
Metuchen, New Jersey,
receives candidates who
hear the call and desire
to help us reap the
Harvest in Africa.

There is scope for every
talent.



Acknowledgments

RANSOMED PAGAN BABIES:

Mr. O. Godin
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School,
Brooklyn, N. Y. 10 babies
St. Mary's School, Lee, Mass. 4 babies
M. M. Ross, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. A. McGunagle, Pawtucket, R. I.
Mrs. A. Wysaski, Omaha, Nebraska
St. Gregory's School, Chicago, Ill. 2 babies
St. Paul's School, Worcester, Mass.
St. Joseph Cathedral School, Hartford, Conn.
Hartford, Conn. 2 babies
Miss P. Bahosh, Clinton, Mass.

Miss G. Krause, Buffalo, N. Y.
Miss Melanson, Belmont, Mass.

TO KEEP A SANCTUARY LAMP BURNING

Miss R. Deveau, Haverhill, Mass.
Miss M. Hillenbrand, Wheeling, W. Va.
Mrs. Bartell, Plainfield, N. J.

TO SUPPORT THE LEPERS

Mrs. M. McCarty, Brooklyn, N. Y.
St. Josaphat School, Milwaukee, Wis.
Junior Duchesne M. U., Convent of the Sacred
Heart, Washington, D. C.

WANTED

YOUNG LADIES who are generous enough to devote their whole life to the African Missions, in answer to the prayer Our Divine Lord bade His Apostles make: "*The harvest indeed is abundant, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.*" St. Luke X, 2. . . .

Also hearkening to our late Holy Father Pius XI prognostics for Africa: "*The sun shines successively on different parts of the earth. At present the Sun of Grace is shining on Africa. The times of Providence strike hourly. We must be on the alert so as to leave neither before nor after, but on the stroke sharp. And I, the Pope declare that Africa's hour has struck.*"

Although the strain of the war in Africa has not received wide publicity, the White Sisters, whose mission field is exclusively that continent, are greatly worried over the decrease of recruits from Europe as a result of the war.

If God in his mercy whispers to you His Divine Call, do not hesitate. God and souls are calling you.

For information write to:

Reverend Mother Superior
White Sisters Convent
Metuchen, New Jersey.

WILL

Our Legal Title Is

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF AFRICA
METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY

Don't forget the missions in your WILL! You will never regret it, now or later. Why not include this clause?

"I hereby bequeath to the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa for use in their African Missions, the sum of Dollars."



Our Lady of Africa
deign to send
holy missionaries
to convert the
Mussulmans and
infidels of Africa.

Our Lady of Africa

MAY OUR LADY OF AFRICA implore many Graces from Her Divine Son and bestow them on all who have helped Her Vast Continent at this Christmas Season. - May She, under this special title, protect all our dear ones in the Service and those on African soil.

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All our little Africans extend a sincere Thank You for the generosity of the past Year and promise that this Year more than ever, they will pray for their dear American Benefactors — both in Africa and at Home.

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It takes but \$5.00 to adopt a pagan African baby — Your help is needed to support these little ones.

Will you adopt one in honor of Our Lady of Africa? — She will protect your own dear ones and be a safeguard for them during these perilous days.



